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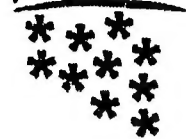
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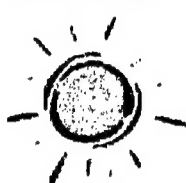
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### SUNDAY

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### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

The Newman Center will hold Ash Wednesday mass noon to 1 p.m., Feb. 21, in the Union Ballroom.

### DEMOCRATS MEETING

Residents are invited to attend the March meeting of the Nodaway County Democrat Club in the Bradley Carver Post 492 American Legion hall in Elmo.

The \$10 meal will start at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow. The American Legion Auxiliary of Elmo will provide the meal.

Those wishing to attend the event can contact (660) 582-4780 or (660) 928-3494 by Feb. 5.

### CHALLENGE U

Applications are being accepted for Challenge University, a program encouraging students to finish high school and move on to college.

Eleven youth leader positions are open for the four Challenge U sessions to be held June 6 and June 23 on the Northwest campus.

Paper copies of completed applications and recommendations to Human Resources, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo., 64468.

### TODAY

Second installment due.

### Food court buffet.

Theater: "What to Do Tonight" 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Northwest Jazz Ensemble concert, 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater.

Thursdays at the Union, 10 p.m., Union Ballroom.

### CULTURAL DINNER

Fete des Cultures/Fiesta de Culturas Alpha Mu Gamma dinner, 6 p.m., Union Ballroom.

### SATURDAY

Missouri Academy Preview Day.

### MONDAY

Last day to place trimester course on pass/fail.

### IT'S BACK!

Heartland View is up and running. Visit the online travel magazine at Heartlandview.com

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Visit the web for:  
The results of the men's and women's basketball games.

## —Grant donation

# Anonymous couple donates \$750,000 to Northwest's low-income grant program

By Kristin Summers  
University Editor

Finding money to pay for college expenses will be a little easier for students.

The American Dream Grant and Northwest's Venture Fund each received \$750,000 from an anonymous Nodaway County couple, who requested the funds be distributed evenly to both programs.

The American Dream Grant provides money for undergraduate students who need assistant paying for college.

This year, there are 323 students, which are either freshmen or second-year students, receiving the American Dream Grant, Bev Schenkel, dean of enrollment management,

said.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said the donation came as a surprise and believes the couple is unselfish for keeping their identity anonymous.

The donation will not only benefit current Northwest students but future incoming students as well, Orrie Covert, vice president of advancement, said.

"It's quite a statement," Covert said. "It's giving students an opportunity to go to college."

The other half of the \$1.5 million will go to Northwest's Venture Fund.

Northwest's Venture Fund is an unrestricted fund used to address the areas of greatest need at Northwest, Covert said.

The \$1.5 million will be divided equally into the Northwest Venture Fund and the Northwest American Dream Grant

For students to be considered for the grant their parents combined tax and untaxed income must be \$30,000 or less or an expected family contribution (EFC) of \$2,000 or less.

Students must also apply for federal aid.

Schenkel said the grant fills the remaining gap, up to \$2,000, that federal, state and private scholarships don't pay for. The money from the grant goes toward tuition, textbooks, room and board and computer usage fees.

Students can only renew the grant once because it is a two-year program, Schenkel said.

Other requirements for renewing the grant is having a cumulative grade point average of a 2.0 and having completed 24 hours at Northwest.

For more information about donating to the American Dream Grant, contact the University Advancement Office at 562-1248.

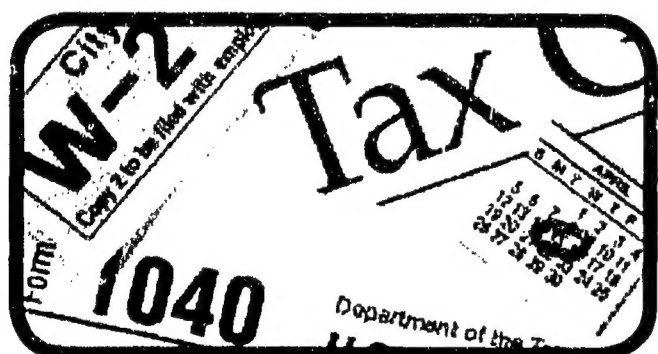
# CRUNCHtime

With April 15 and tax time around the corner, accountants and residents scramble under stress

By Marcus Meade  
Community Editor



Many boxed tax kits are replacing accountants for a do-it-yourself fix. But beware: some don't offer backup in-person assistance.



Have a habit of losing your tax forms? Worry no more, print any tax form at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).



Referring to [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) or any tax agency can alleviate stress associated with taxes.



Always check your itemizations and deductions to make sure taxes are accurate.

data for you."

Halter disagrees. The common misperception is that tax stores don't handle very complicated tax returns. H&R Block's customers with simple tax returns can use their online tax service, while those with more complex returns choose to use the store, Halter said.

"If I didn't own this place, I wouldn't do my own (taxes)," Halter said.

Though Halter may have to worry about losing business to tax software systems like TurboTax, Martin has nothing to worry about.

"If you're using a CPA, we don't tell you to switch to tax software," Gulbransen said.

CPAs usually handle more complex returns, like customers with multiple holdings and businesses, Gulbransen said.

Regardless of which tax service customers use, Halter, Martin and Gulbransen all agree that preparation is the key to making sure people survive to April 15.

"One thing would be to look at last years tax returns, and they can see kind of the things they've needed in the past. If they have anything new, then they can give us a call," Halter said.

Martin tells her clients they need to save and collect all the important documentation beforehand. She also suggests setting up appointments in November or December to see where clients are at and what can be done if they need help, she said.

Most clients know whether their tax news will be good or bad, Martin said.

"Generally, they know if they've had a good year," Martin said. "For what we can't correct in the previous year, we try to take care of it for the future."

## —TAXABLE/NONTAXABLE ITEMS, DEDUCTIONS

Everything the government considers taxable income.

- Your salary, less any money put into a retirement plan.
- Interest on any bank accounts.
- Interest on all bonds except municipal (tax-free) bonds.
- Dividends on investments.
- Severance pay, bonuses, and sick pay from your employer.
- Unemployment compensation.
- Tips.
- Capital gains on mutual funds and other investments.
- Bartering, royalties, gambling gains, and lottery winnings.
- Most withdrawals from an individual retirement account or an annuity.

The following nontaxable income is safe from Uncle Sam's clutches.

- Money contributed to retirement accounts such as your 401(k) or IRA.
- Gifts from anyone.
- Disability income on benefits you paid for with after-tax money.
- Childcare financed through a plan at work.
- Return of invested capital.
- 401(k) money rolled into another plan.

Child support receipts. Money received by you as repayment for a loan.

### Valid Deductions

- Taxes (such as local income, state, real estate, foreign, and personal property taxes).
- Medical and dental expenses.
- Interest expenses on mortgages, home equity loans, and real estate.
- Charitable work or contributions to tax-exempt organizations.
- Casualty and theft losses.
- Job expenses.
- Impairment-related expenses for persons with disabilities.

### Invalid Deductions

- Political contributions.
- Trash collection fees.
- Home owners' association dues.
- Water bills.
- Car loan interest.
- Credit card interest (except for a business card).
- Real estate points (if you are the seller).
- Estate, inheritance, legacy, or succession taxes.

## —Aquila sold

# Energy company acquires Aquila

By Andrea James  
Chief Reporter

Maryville's energy provider went to the highest bidder Feb. 7.

Great Plains Energy and Black Hills Corporation combined together to purchase Aquila's assets in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Iowa and Nebraska.

Great Plains Energy will control Aquila's assets in Missouri, said Al Butkus, Aquila's media relations vice president. This transaction has been in the process for several months. Aquila held an auction and accepted the best offer.

They purchased Aquila for approximately \$1.7 billion, according to [Greatplainsenergy.com](http://Greatplainsenergy.com).

Great Plains Energy is located in Kansas City. It controls Kansas City Power and Light and Strategic Energy, LLC.

The transaction will create a better financial standing of both companies, Butkus said. Great Plains Energy and Aquila will save about \$100 million per year by reducing overlap of jobs and services, and it will allow the rate of electricity and gas to go up at a slower pace.

All union jobs will be kept and all the department units will go to Great Plains Energy, said Tom Robinson, Great Plains Energy spokesman.

"We might be cutting 250 to 350 jobs in management. But that doesn't necessarily mean that many people will be out of a job all together," Robinson said.

Great Plains Energy will also acquire about \$1 million of Aquila's accumulated debt, according to [Greatplainsenergy.com](http://Greatplainsenergy.com).

"The transaction will benefit employees, customers and stockholders," Butkus said.

It will take about 12 months to complete the transaction, he said. The transaction has to be approved by the shareholders but has to meet 19 state and federal approvals. After the transaction is completed, the two companies will be consolidated and Aquila will become Kansas City Power and Light.

Kansas City Power and Light was established in 1882, according to [Kcp.com](http://Kcp.com).

It is based in Kansas City and has almost 500,000 customers in Missouri and Kansas.

Black Hills Corporation will acquire everything except the electrical assets of Missouri, Robinson said.

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## CAMPUSBRIEFS

### Tourin' Bearcats Scotland trip offers openings

Northwest's travel program for alumni and friends Tourin' Bearcats are traveling to Scotland Aug. 1-9. Openings are still available for anyone interested. The trip cost \$2,498 per person, based on double occupancy and includes lodging, airfare and some meals. A \$400 deposit is required. For more information, go to [nwmissouri.edu/alumni](http://nwmissouri.edu/alumni) or call the University Advancement Office at 562-1248.

### Ploghoft lecture welcomes Sept. 11 survivor

Michael Hingson, a Sept. 11 survivor, will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Rescued by his guide dog, Roselle, Hingson escaped the World Trade Center during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The lecture is free and open to the public.

### Free income tax preparation classes

Northwest's Accounting Society and the Institute of Management Accountants are sponsoring free income tax preparation from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays in Golden Hall 3400. The last Monday is April 2.

### Wind symphony, symphonic band perform

Northwest's Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony are performing a joint concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, in the Charles Johnson Theater in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. The free concert will include a series of 20th and 21st century compositions.

### Theatre Northwest presents 'The Glass Menagerie'

"The Glass Menagerie" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1, through Saturday, March 3, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. All seats are \$7 and tickets can be picked up the night of the performance at Mary Linn.

### Marketing conference deadline approaching

The Integrated Marketing Conference, for communication, advertising, public relations, marketing and management majors, will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, on the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union. Pete Kovac from Nicholson Kovac in Kansas City will be the keynote speaker. Register in Michelle Allen's office in Wells Hall 148 by Feb. 23. The \$12 fee can be charged to a Bearcat I.D. For more information, contact John Fisher at 562-1827.

# CAMPUS

## COMBINING CULTURES



MEMBERS OF the Las Guitarras de Mexico band perform at the Rendezvous Latin dinner to get the crowd on their feet. Rendezvous Latin took place Saturday night in the Union Ballroom. The dinner also featured Latin and French dishes and desserts.

# Students to attend disaster workshop

By Tara Adkins  
Features Editor

Lifelines bodies floated across highways submerged in water as millions watched their homes and lives drift away. The Hurricane Katrina disaster called for countless organizations and agencies for emergency relief and exposed the lack of training in non-governmental humanitarian organizations.

To promote education and training of international disaster relief efforts, select Northwest students and faculty are teaming up with a Florida community college to travel to Macedonia where they will learn how to be safe and successful in humanitarian field operations.

"There is a tremendous opportunity within Homeland Security to know how to respond, to have background in the field and to be qualified for potential disaster relief through this program," said Mark

Corson, associate professor of geosciences and deputy director of program.

Organized by the Center for Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Assistance at Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce, Fla., and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Macedonia, the Summer Institute in International Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Assistance will bring 15 American and 15 Macedonian students together in a pilot program for disaster relief May 19 to June 2.

"From the big picture standpoint, I see it as an exciting program and a first step to get enriched and educated in disaster relief," said Charles McAdams, dean of College of Arts and Sciences.

Faculty selected six Northwest students to study abroad and earn three credit hours in training at Krivolak Training Centre in the Republic of Macedonia. "I hope to gain all the knowledge I can and more," Northwest junior Allison

Reeves said. "It's important to know how to respond and to be able to actually do something instead of just sitting and watching."

The first week students will begin skills training including negotiation tactics and field security. During the middle weekend, students will learn about the culture while visiting a Macedonian resort. The second week involves the four day intensive field exercise featuring role playing of refugees and rebels in a simulated complex emergency and land navigating through landmines to a mock relief center.

The institute will conclude with a final exam and student presentations featuring what each participant received from the program.

"It is an extremely rigorous activity, but students will get training by helping us research what the best things to train are and the best ways to train them," Corson said. "We hope it will be extremely successful so next year we can open it up for a number of students."

Participants anticipate the institute will create an understanding to help in emergencies, a multicultural and international experience through teamwork and leadership training.

Students will begin a preliminary field exercise in Fort Pierce March 1 and a distance command post exercise in April to prepare for the disaster relief institute. The trip will be partially funded through grants including the International Studies and Programs Committee Internationalization of Northwest Missouri Grant. However, students are expected to pay their own travel and institute fee of \$1,600.

"Students have already put the amount of money and time where their mouths are and they haven't seen a single credit yet," Corson said. "It does my heart good to see students so stoked."

# COMMUNITY

## COMMUNITYBRIEFS

### Registration for coed volleyball set soon

The Maryville Parks and Recreation Department will begin registration for its Coed Volleyball Program on Feb. 19. Registration will continue through March 2. For more information call the Maryville Community Center at 562-2923.

### Listening Post Forum to be held in Maryville

Sen. Kit Bond will be holding a Listening Post Forum in Maryville, Grant City and Albany Feb. 21.

The forums will give members of these communities an opportunity to voice concerns and give input to the senator.

The Maryville forum will be held at 9:30 a.m. at 114 W. 3rd St. For more information contact Tye Parsons at 582-5121.

The Grant City forum will be held at noon at the Worth County Courthouse. For more information contact Lisa Hargrave at (660) 564-2219.

The Albany forum will be held at 2 p.m. at the Gentry County Courthouse. For more information contact Carol Reidlinger at (660) 726-3525.

### Contra dance sessions offered at Northwest Technical School

Contra Dance sessions will be held at the Northwest Technical School starting Feb. 20.

Northwest adjunct professor Jerome Grisanti will be leading these sessions, which take place every Tuesday and will continue for four weeks.

No experience is necessary to participate. Grisanti suggests that participants wear light clothing and comfortable shoes.

A four-week session costs \$30 per person with additional blocks beginning in March and May.

For more information contact Grisanti at (660) 528-0858, or e-mail him at [jeromeg@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:jeromeg@nwmissouri.edu) or [jerome.grisanti@gmail.com](mailto:jerome.grisanti@gmail.com).

### Meeting to discuss Maryville water to meet soon

The Water Partnership for Northwest Missouri will hold town meetings in communities throughout northwest Missouri from Feb. 20 through March 27.

Twelve meetings will be held in all to help educate people on things like the recent findings about water resources and the economic opportunities of water availability.

Two meetings will be held in Maryville on March 1 and March 27. Both meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at the Station on the Northwest campus.

For more information call Harlan Higginbotham at 582-3526.

## Habitat seeks applicants for next home

By Whitney Keyes  
Chief Reporter

"There's no place like home, unless you don't have one."

At least, that's what the back of a Habitat for Humanity shirt read. The saying is a driving force for HPH, a not-for-profit group that builds houses for families who don't have one. It's also a goal for the HPH of Nodaway County, who is starting the process to build another house. For the 2007 home, they are hoping to build in Maryville, though the location is not certain.

Starting in 2004, HPH of Nodaway County has built houses in Hopkins, Skidmore and Burlington Junction. While they have only completed one house per year so far, they hope to someday build two or more each year.

With volunteer workers, donations from the community and lots of determination, HPH has built more than 200,000 homes across the nation, according to the official Web site, [Habitat.org](http://Habitat.org). That adds up to more than 1 million people who have been housed by HPH.

The process begins with the applications, which are due in February. Then the family selection committee reviews the application, and visits the families in the current residence. Typically, three or four families apply, said board president Mike Baumgartner.

Meanwhile, the site selection committee searches the community for an acceptable location. These sites can be purchased or donated. Once the family is selected, the building design and size is chosen, and the family starts to make decisions such as siding and paint color. Dependent on weather, usually the foundation is laid in April, and the building begins soon after.

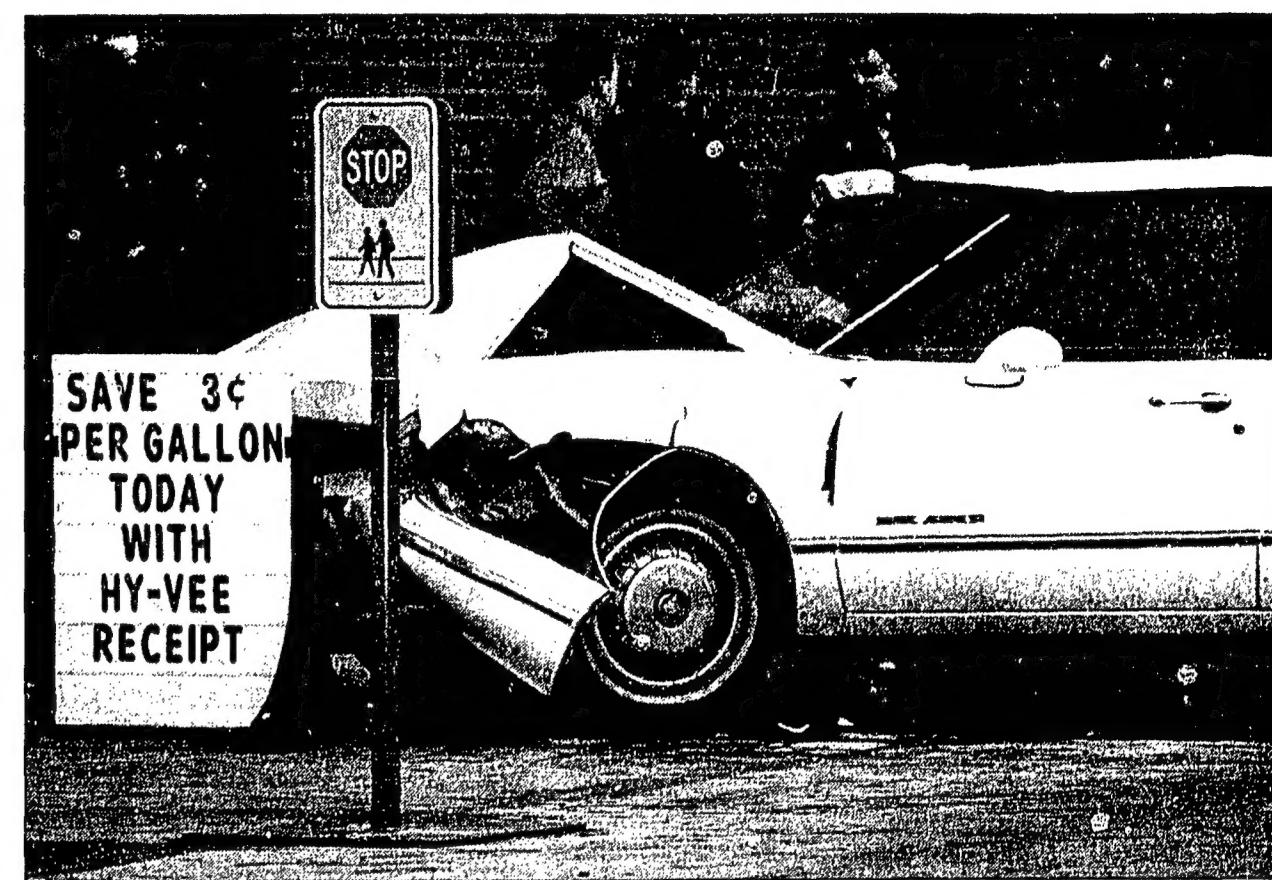
"It really gives you a warm feeling to work with the volunteers," Baumgartner said. Past volunteers have ranged from individuals, to businesses, to churches or schools. Another way to help is by donating lunch for the build day.

The chosen family does have payments to make on the home, including a down payment, though the payment is modified to what is affordable. The family is required to complete sweat-equity hours by helping to build the house. Also, they are asked to attend classes in the community, regarding topics such as home repair and good credit maintenance.

All together, the process usually takes about seven months, ending in August, when the family moves in.

"That's my biggest memory, just seeing the joy a new home brings to a family," Baumgartner said.

## LOCAL ACCIDENT



MARY STRUM, from Conception Jct., ran into Hy-Vee last Thursday afternoon causing minimal damage to the store. She meant to use the brake but instead used the accelerator while turning left in the parking lot. Director of Public Safety Keith Wood said, "she was transported to St. Francis Hospital by ambulance."

# Northwest's great day

By Jared Bailey  
Missourian Reporter

"The Great Northwest Day" had the wheels of government turned toward the Missouri capital.

Officials from the northwestern corner of Missouri spent Feb. 6 in Jefferson City, speaking with legislators about issues important to the region. The intention of the day was to make those who work at the capital better aware of local issues.

Members of both Maryville City Hall and the Nodaway County Courthouse were present and talked to state senators and representatives about topics of interest and necessity.

One of the main topics focused on by the approximately 300 people on the trip was economic development.

The city of Maryville discussed education and water treatment. Nodaway County talked about transportation, agriculture and 911 funding.

"In the simplest of terms it says we are out here, we have issues just as much as the bigger cities do, and don't forget about us as well," Assistant City Manager Matt LeClerc said.

Presentations took place in the offices at the capital building and allowed for talks with people such as Gov. Matt Blunt and Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder, said Bob Stiens, Nodaway County South District Commissioner.

About 50 representatives of Maryville and Nodaway County left around 5 a.m. on a bus bound for Jefferson City and some came home the following day.

Others, such as the county commissioners, stayed the rest of the work week, going through training programs on the functioning of county government.

Participants came from as far east as Brookfield, Mo. and as far south as St. Joseph, Stiens said.

Northwest Missouri is the only region that has its own day designated for going to the capital and talking about everything, which requires notice, Stiens said.

Other parts of the state are now considering following the region's example of bringing cities and counties together and exposing needs and situations to the state government.

"You get 300 people from up in the northwest corner of the state and promote to legislators, it made quite a splash," Stiens said. "I think they were impressed."

# Suicide prevention moves to marketing

By Dominic Genetti  
Senior Reporter

Taking part in a regional prevention of suicide, Northwest is moving forward with their campaign, pushing it into the media.

A marketing campaign for suicide prevention will begin at the university next fall, said April Haberyan, associate professor in the psychology, sociology and counseling department.

While bulletin boards, television, radio and newspapers are traditional ways of advertising, Haberyan said Facebook flyers and possible text messages are being considered as marketing options.

"We're looking at all different types of media outlets," Haberyan said.

Part of the upcoming marketing campaign includes ways to help friends, get help and recognize signs of suicide.

"We have a very high suicide rate in the region," Haberyan said.

According to Haberyan, the region had an average of seven suicides and a total of 17 in 2005.

Jackie Kibler, also of the psychology, sociology and counseling department said presentations in suicide prevention have already taken place with residential assistants and student organizations.

"One of the myths people believe that there are more suicides around the holidays," Kibler said.

Kibler said it is actually spring when more suicides happen, due to more transition stresses from holiday let downs and stressful occasions like weddings and graduations.

Northwest is one of 20 schools in the country to receive a grant for suicide prevention.

This is Northwest's second year with the \$500,000 grant. Money for the grant comes from the University and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The money funds training research and marketing for the program.

# Bill promotes diversity in higher education

By Kristin Summers  
University Editor

Missouri universities may have to prove academic freedom and intellectual diversity is prominent throughout their campuses.

The Emily Brooker Intellectual Diversity Act, if passed, requires public institutions to send a report to the General Assembly each year by Dec. 31, starting in 2008, showing that the institution is promoting intellectual diversity and academic freedom, according to House Bill 213.

Steps in the bill to promote diversity and freedom include providing a variety of campus panels and speakers, developing hiring, tenure and promotion policies that protect people against discriminating viewpoints and having a method of resolving conflicts between personal beliefs and classroom assignments without requiring a student to act against his or her conscience, according to the bill.

The bill is named after Missouri State University graduate Emily Brooker, who sued her school due to the violation of her first amendment rights in two of her social work classes.

Brooker was assigned a project in one of her classes to write and sign a letter to the Missouri Legislature in support of gay adoption. She refused to sign the letter due to her Christian beliefs, according to USA Today.

Missouri State signed an out-of-court agreement with the Alliance Defense Fund, a Christian legal group, on Brooker's behalf in November according to [News.missouristate.edu](http://News.missouristate.edu).

Lucy LePage, legislative assistant to House Representative Jane Cunningham, said the Emily Brooker Intellectual Diversity Act is to prevent cases similar to Brooker's from recurring.

Northwest Provost Kichoon Yang said many parts of the bill are common and that Northwest already does what the bill would require universities to do.

Although the bill isn't scheduled to be addressed in the General Assembly, both topics of intellectual diversity and academic freedom are still being discussed and debated throughout the state.

Blair Anundson, a field organizer for the Free Exchange on Campus Coalition working on a campaign against the act, said the bill would put restrictions on students and teachers in the long term and would promote censorship.

Robert Dewhurst, professor in the History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science Department, said the act would be limiting academic freedom by making rules that are not necessary and that the bill has a political agenda.

Despite opposition of the bill, LePage said the bill points out there is a potential problem in some universities and that though teachers might think the bill would restrict speech, it would actually protect teachers' and students' rights.

# Homecoming plans underway

By Shane Sherwood  
Missourian Reporter

Snow has all but buried Bearcat Stadium, but Homecoming 2007 preparations are already underway.

Krista Paul, co-chair for the Homecoming board, said anyone on campus can get involved in Homecoming preparation.

"We want everyone to know Homecoming is not just for the Greeks," Paul said.

One of the biggest participants in Homecoming are alumni.

"The alumni pour themselves

into the Northwest campus," Paul said.

Preparation began in early January. Homecoming Secretary Logan Galloway said one of the reasons they start preparation early due to the amount of work involved.

"It takes that long to get the whole thing together," Galloway said.

Preparing for Homecoming involves many people, Paul said. There are two co-chairs, eight to 20 members in each committee, judges for the events and past co-chairs.

There are many committees that are involved in Homecoming preparation. Some of the committees include the royalty committee, the parade committee and the variety show committee.

Despite all the work involved, the most important thing for Paul is getting everyone involved.

The Homecoming 2007 theme is "Bobby Goes Around the World," and takes place the week of October 22.

If there is anyone who would like to get involved in Homecoming, contact the Campus Activities Office at 562-1226.

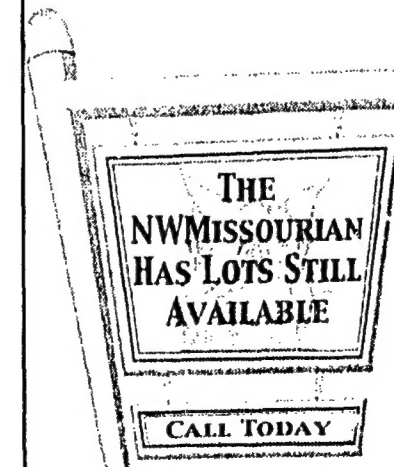
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## VICTORIOUS VALENTINE



THE AWARD for most colorful valentine sits on the table as many of the attendees play pitch and talk after the Valentine Decorating Contest. The contest was held at the Nodaway County Senior Citizens Center located on East First Street.

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# Carnegie remembered through self-help book

By Nichole Unger  
Missourian Reporter

Nodaway County was once home to a man who knew how to influence people.

Dale Carnegie made his living writing books like "How to Win Friends and Influence People", which centers around how to treat people, organize daily tasks and approach customers and clients, said Tom Carneal curator of the Nodaway County Historical Society and Museum.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard even follows the seven-step process outlined in the book, Carneal said.

Carnegie lived from 1888-1955,

spending most of his childhood in Nodaway County, according to Westegg.com.

The bank foreclosed on his father's farm, forcing his family to move to Belton, Mo. After high school, Carnegie graduated from the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Carneal said.

Though Carnegie's book was widespread, it can't help influencing life back in Nodaway County. Wal-Mart store managers believe in running Wal-Mart on the ideas outlined in the book, Store Manager Lonnie Scheffe said.

"We apply positive reinforcement when people do good things," Scheffe said. "If someone is doing bad, start with the positive, move

to the negative and then follow with the positive so they still have hope in the end."

After college, Carnegie went to New York to write more books. While in New York, Carnegie met life long friends Homer Croy and Frances Stewart.

Tom Carneal said that Carnegie used to go to parties at Stewart's quite often.

"Croy always knew everyone, and if he didn't he would. On the other hand, Carnegie would stay to himself and not say a lot," Carneal said.

"One day Croy went up to Carnegie and said, 'Stop being such a snob or your never going to win friends and influence people.'"

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## -COLUMN

### Editor displeased with snow removal

I woke up Tuesday morning with a hope that maybe, just maybe, classes would be canceled. It was a silly dream, considering I would have to come to school anyway to work on the newspaper—but nevertheless, I hoped.

My dreams were shattered after a phone call. Let me explain some things. One, I'm a commuter from a house I rent approximately three miles north of town. Two, I don't have local channels and our satellite Internet connection is often knocked out by inclement weather. Of course, there was no connection Tuesday morning. So when I found out we had class, unlike nearly every other school in the area, I figured it must not be too bad. Northwest wouldn't have classes if the roads weren't cleared right? Wrong.

I knew it was bad when I opened the front door and snow fell inside my house. I knew it was worse when I had to scoop a path through a 3-foot snowdrift to get to my car and when I had to shovel off my car because my brush/ice scraper wouldn't cut it.

Then, I had to back out to a non-drifted area to clean my car off. After 15 minutes of scraping and brushing, my car resembled a giant, frozen, get-out-of-my-lane machine. Another side note, my car has rear-wheel drive. So I knew this ride into town would be a treat.

After my car barely made it out of my driveway I was on the road and in motion—sideways. Lovely, I thought, but I'm sure the roads will be better in Maryville—wrong again.

I barely made it up the hill from Main Street onto Seventh



Jessica Schmidt  
Managing Editor

Street without getting stuck and/or hitting a parked car, and I was in disbelief that the roads were still this snow-packed at 9 a.m.

Once again I was optimistic, at least campus streets and sidewalks will be cleared because class wasn't canceled—wrong yet again.

I walked/skated through a knee-deep snowdrift on the sidewalk next to Thompson-Ringold, of course the bottom was lined with ice. In fact, the sidewalks were so empty and snow-packed I doubted if my source on school closings was even correct.

Later I found out that the sidewalk next to the building and around the "mods" weren't cleared until after 12:15 p.m. So maybe 9 a.m. is too early, but noon?

I realize it's hard to predict the weather and call off school for what could be an OK weather day. I also realize many times these decisions are made early in the morning or the night before and that hindsight is always 20/20.

Nevertheless, if we are going to have school while nearly every other school in the area—including Horace Mann—is closed, can we at least get the streets and sidewalks on campus cleared off by noon?

Maybe I'm just bitter because I'm a commuter. One thing is for sure, I'm not the only one who is bitter, and I was definitely not the only one who had trouble getting to school.

I guess I'll have to hold onto my dream of a snow day for another day.

## -A MINUTE WITH MIKE

Over the last few years you have heard much about Medicaid cuts and the need to clean up the waste, fraud and abuse within the system.

The goal, of course, is to free up more revenue to provide better services to the people in Missouri without the need to raise taxes.

This past week the House took a major step toward fulfilling this goal by passing H.B. 353. This bill revises provisions of the law that deal with health care providers who knowingly defraud the state's Medicaid system.

Under provisions of the bill, Medicaid providers that knowingly make false reports can be charged with a Class "C" Felony and penalties are stiffened for those who knowingly withhold information about possible crimes.

Informants are given incentives to stand up and report fraud and are protected from being fired, demoted, receiving a pay cut, or being harassed by employers for reporting Medicaid abuse.

Also included is a provision that will bar any health care provider convicted of defrauding the system from accepting future

Medicaid payments. Our state has faced a health care crisis. Many physicians claim that Medicaid reimbursements are too low and they actually lose money when they take Medicaid patients.

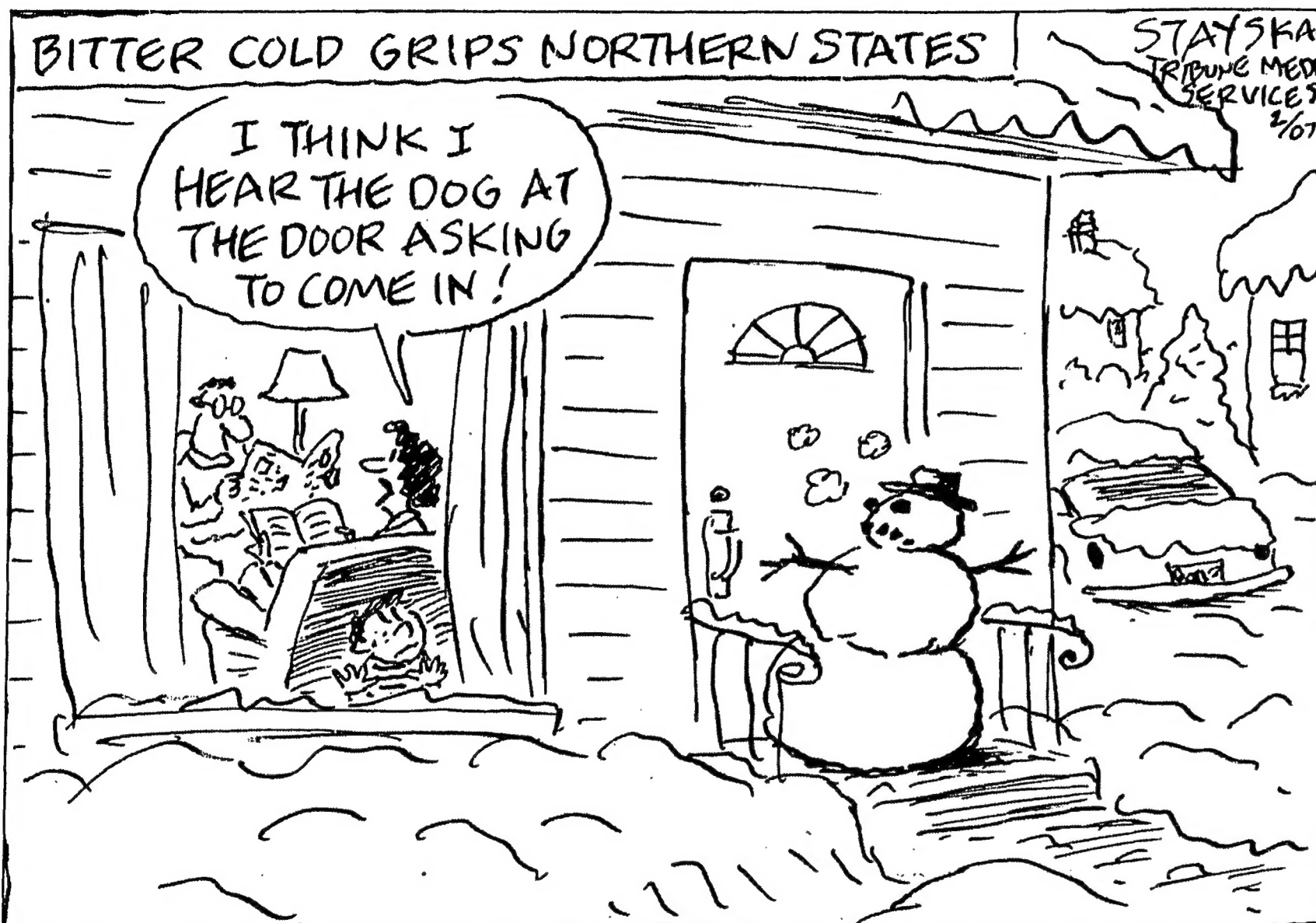
Others have said the system is too complex and open to errors and problems.

By filtering out the waste, fraud and abuse from our system we free up more money and protect those who take on Medicaid patients in good conscience.

Our goal is to prevent fraud, facilitate access to the system for those who need it and to assure that providers are available to provide services.

H.B. 353 is not the complete answer to a much-maligned system but addresses the concerns of our health care providers while protecting the Medicaid system and the taxpayers of Missouri. We have taken a step in the right direction.

Contact Rep. Mike Thomson at his capital number (573) 751-9465, by e-mail [mike.thomson@house.mo.gov](mailto:mike.thomson@house.mo.gov) or by mail at Room 406A State Capitol Building, Jefferson City, MO 65101.



## -COLUMN

### Distance makes the heart grow fonder

Let's say "Karen" likes "Pete."

They have several things in common and the attraction is mutual, but there is one problem in Karen's eyes. Pete lives three hours away therefore Karen won't pursue anything because she tried a long distance relationship with "Stan" over a bad experience with Stan. Karen refuses to date anyone who isn't in her vicinity.

This scenario saddens me. Who declared long distance relationships never work? What study shows if



Kristin Summers  
University Student

one doesn't work then all long distance relationships are doomed?

I have been in a long distance relationship for over three years now. During those three years, my boyfriend was deployed the first year and a half of our relationship. When he came home, he went to college in Linn, Mo., and then got a job with the Union Pacific Railroad. Now, he's in Minnesota

working while I'm here working on a degree. I know a lot people say they could never have a long distance relationship. They have to see

their significant other every day, which is fine. But don't give up on a possible good thing just because the other person is an hour or so away. Relationships are successful without constantly seeing each other. Communication, trust and honesty are key elements in any relationship and especially in long distance ones.

Take my friend "Louise." She has been in two long distance relationships, and both went down the drain. One ended with infidelity and the other because of the distance. Now Louise is afraid of getting into another long distance relationship, but would be willing to make it work if the guy would be willing to put in as much effort.

It's cliché, but my boyfriend

always says it takes two to tango, and I agree. It's obvious relationships take work and even more work when you're away from each other. It's all up to how much work you want to put into the relationship. If one side is willing to make it work, give it a try. Don't turn down what could be a good opportunity and even if it doesn't work out, don't let distance be a reason why the relationship ended.

If it doesn't work out, at least you gave it a try. Don't use the excuse you're not the type of person that can do long distance relationships. You will never know unless you try.

I'm a firm believer of the old saying "Where there's a will, there's a way."

## -COLUMN

### Reporter dislikes the surprises of snowfall

Snow descended gracefully Monday night as Maryville citizens were safely tucked into their beds.

Each unique snowflake fell from the sky and landed peacefully on the ground to make one big blanket of white, glittering snow.

Unfortunately, the cold, individually perfect snowflakes get my blood boiling. The separate snowflakes may look beautiful, however, when they are combined together they make one cumbersome mess that causes too many problems.

Tuesday morning, I stepped out



Andrea Jones  
Chief Reporter

the door of my warm and cozy apartment ready to take on the challenges of the day. The first thing I saw outside was a foot-and-a-half snowdrift on my windshield. After clearing off the fluffy snow with my glove, I came to find that there was ice underneath.

With a cold hand, I painstakingly scraped off the ice, which led to a sore arm a few hours later.

As I was scraping my windows, while standing in a snowdrift, I began to think that it was only 9 a.m. and I already wanted to go back inside and crawl into bed.

Another reason I dislike snow is the many different colors it can acquire. When snow is untouched it is blindingly white, which gives me headaches, and most people are taught at a tender age to avoid the yellow snow. If someone happens to walk in the brown or black snow then that person likely will ruin the pants and shoes they decided to wear that day.

My biggest problem with snow is that it happens during winter and the roads are often terrible. I constantly have to worry if my brakes are working properly, if my tires have enough traction and I have a small panic attack every time another car comes into my view.

Winter is also cold and windy and the sky is often gray; it definitely adds to the assumption that

winter makes people sad. There is even scientific evidence that winter increases depression in some people.

According to Sada.org, every winter, half a million people are affected by Seasonal Affective Disorder. Sufferers of SAD might experience sleep problems, overeating, depression and anxiety, among many others.

I currently have three of these four symptoms and can't wait until the days when the flowers are growing and the birds are singing.

Hopefully my negative feelings won't get worse as I get older. The snow that once made me happy when I was a kid now makes me sad and a little bit annoyed. As a friend once stated, "It made my bitter mood a little more sour."

## PUBLIC SAFETY

**Jan. 27**  
**Kylor D. Cone**, 19, MIP, 400 block W. Fourth

**Jan. 31**  
Fire report, minor damage, 900 block N. Walnut

**Feb. 3**  
**Nicholas L. Bradshaw**, 17, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 2100 block E. First

Lost/stolen property, bank card, 100 block S. Main

**Feb. 7**  
**Brandon E. Fell**, 22, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block N. Market

**Feb. 8**  
**Molly B. Hankins**, 22, Maryville, DWI, failure to stop for a steady red light, 300 block N. Main

**Feb. 9**  
Towed vehicle, 1995 Blue Achieva, 300 block W. Eighth

Larceny/theft, gas, 1200 block S. Main

**Feb. 10**  
**Trey J. Weingrad**, 18, Maryville, wanted on warrant, MIP, resisting or interfering with arrest

**Michael E. Houston**, 21, domestic assault third degree, 500 block W. Third

## ACCIDENTS

**Jan. 29**  
**Justin L. Patterson**, 19, Graham, Mo., **Baleigh J. Hagey**, 18, Burlington Jct., Mo., and **Olivia R. Clayton**, 18, Guilford, Mo., collided at South Avenue and Main. Patterson was cited for careless and imprudent driving and no proof of insurance.

**Feb. 3**  
**Lettie L. Schultz**, 73, Maryville, and **Schella J. Brooks**, 43, Maryville, collided at Lieber and Mulberry.

**Feb. 4**  
An unknown driver struck a vehicle owned by **Richard Matson**, Maryville, at Second and Vine.

**Feb. 6**  
**Schuyler J. Jackson**, 49, Antioch, Tenn., and **William D. Porter**, 57, Maryville, collided at US 136 and Highway 71.

**Feb. 7**  
**Roger H. Bunz**, 73, Bellevue, Neb., collided with **Fallon L. Cordell**, 19, Parnell, Mo., at Seventh and Main. Bunz was cited for careless and imprudent driving.

**Cissy L. Christian**, 35, Maryville, and **Winifred M. Burns**, 79, Maryville, collided at Edwards and Laura.

**Jessica S. Bruan**, 19, Maryville, and **Katherine E. Heltman**, 21, Maryville, collided at 16th and College Avenue.

**Feb. 8**  
**Alicia J. Johnson**, 18, Maryville, and **Jill L. Hardin**, 59, Maryville, collided at First and Mulberry.

**Mary K. Strum**, 88, Conception Jct., Mo., collided with Hy-Vee, 1200 S. Main. Strum was taken to St. Francis Hospital by ambulance.

**Matthew S. Steins**, 29, Maryville, struck a vehicle owned by **Joshua K. Mathews**, Maryville, at Grant and Fillmore.

**Feb. 9**  
**Brian D. Wells**, 21, St. Joseph, Mo., collided with **Ashley N. Dillon**, 19, Corning, Iowa, at Jenkins and Main. Wells was cited for careless and imprudent driving.

## OBITUARIES

**Father Edgar Probstfield** OSB 80, of Conception Abbey, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007 at St. Stephen's Infirmary, Conception, Mo.

He was born, Victor David Probstfield on Jan. 9, 1927 in Verona, Mo., the son of Paul John 1st, and Christine (VanHatten) Probstfield.

He entered the novitiate at Conception in 1945 and professed his first vows as a Benedictine on July 11, 1946. He was ordained May 29, 1952.

Being mechanically inclined Father Edgar filled many positions within the monastery. In 1954 he was asked to go to the Abbey's

new foundation in Elkhorn, Neb., now known as Mt Michael Abbey. He served as farm and plant manager, becoming the business manager. He later served as business manager of Conception Abbey from 1970-1976.

In 1959 Father Edgar was assigned as pastor of St Joseph's Parish in Springfield, Mo. This was the first of many pastoral assignments, including St Columba Parish, Conception Junction; St Paul the Apostle, Tarkio, Mo., and St Benedict's Parish, Burlington Junction; St Joseph's Parish, Trenton; and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton and St Joseph's Parish, Parnell, Mo.

He also served at St Peter's Parish on the Indian Mission at Ft Yates, N.D. Wherever he went, Father Edgar impressed those entrusted to his care with his remarkable combination of straightforward simplicity and homespun wisdom.

Declining health necessitated Father Edgar's return to the Abbey at Conception this past summer from his most recent assignment at St Joseph's Parish in Parnell. However, wanting to stay busy he became the community mailman. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Paul John II, Edgar, John, Lawrence, Clarence and James Probstfield and sister: Ruth Evans.

Survivors include his monastic confreres, including his biological brother, Father Regis Probstfield, OSB; his sister: Caroline McNeerney, Mt Vernon, Mo.; another brother: Ralph Probstfield, Tucson, Ariz.; many nieces and nephews and their children.

Vespers of the Faithful Departed was Tuesday, Feb. 13, and a Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Abbey Basilica, Conception. Burial will be in St. Columba Cemetery, Conception.

**Joseph Stillman Renfro**, 82, Maryville, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital.

He was born Nov. 5, 1924 in Skidmore, Mo., to George and Edith (Clester) Renfro. He attended high school in

Skidmore and married Betty Lou Jones on June 11, 1949 in Skidmore.

Joe was a heavy equipment operator with Ideker Construction for many years and served his country in the Army during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Herbert Renfro.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of the home in Maryville; sons: Mark and wife, Kelley Renfro, Maryville and Chet and wife, Cindy Renfro, Pickering, Mo.; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville.

A Visitation was held Monday, Feb. 12. Burial will be at Quitman Cemetery, Quitman, Mo. Memorials can be made to the SSM Hospice of Northwest Missouri.

**Cecil Eugene Jones**, 79, Maryville, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2007 at Village Care Center, Maryville.

Preceded in death by parents: Oakley and Edith (Bose) Jones and brothers: Louis, Richard and J. D. Jones.

Survivors include sisters: Dolores Volner, Pickering; Arma Law, Graham; half-brother: Archie Parton, Pattonsburg, Mo.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 12, Price Funeral Home, Maryville. Burial was at Prairie Home Cemetery, Graham, Mo.

**Ivan Lee Walker**, 78, of Skidmore, Mo., died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007 at his home after a battle with cancer.

Born on Jan. 31, 1929 in Mound City, Mo., he was the son of the late Francis Kay & Della Mae (Colwell) Walker. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann (Linsam) Walker on June 4, 2006 after 52 years of marriage. He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army. He was a lifelong farmer.

He is survived by his loving children, Emma Edward Walker wife, Emma, Maryville, Linda Marie Johnson, husband,

Charles, Clarksdale, Mo., Christie Redig, husband Kent, Stanberry, Mo., Mike Walker, wife Beth, Burlington Junction, Mo., and Pat Walker, wife Julie, Maryville. He is also survived by brothers, Jim Walker, Seymour, Texas, Phillip Walker, Skidmore, Gary Walker, Skidmore, sister, Margaret Cordell, Maryville, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Della Walker, wife, Mary Ann Walker, brother, William Walker and a granddaughter, Denise Redig.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, Feb. 16, at the Danfelt Funeral Home, 951 S. Main Street, with the Rev. Billy Kuever & Rev. Ernest Rissler, officiating.

Final Resting Place will be in the St. Mary's Cemetery, Maryville. The family will receive friends at the Danfelt Funeral Home on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. The family has requested memorial donations to be made to the St. Francis Home Health Care.

**Edna Marie Morehouse**, age 102, Hopkins, Mo., died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at Village Care Center, in Maryville.

She was born Aug. 1, 1904 in Hopkins, the daughter of Jacob and Onie (Wallace) Cox. Edna married Virgil Victor Morehouse in Clearmont, Mo.

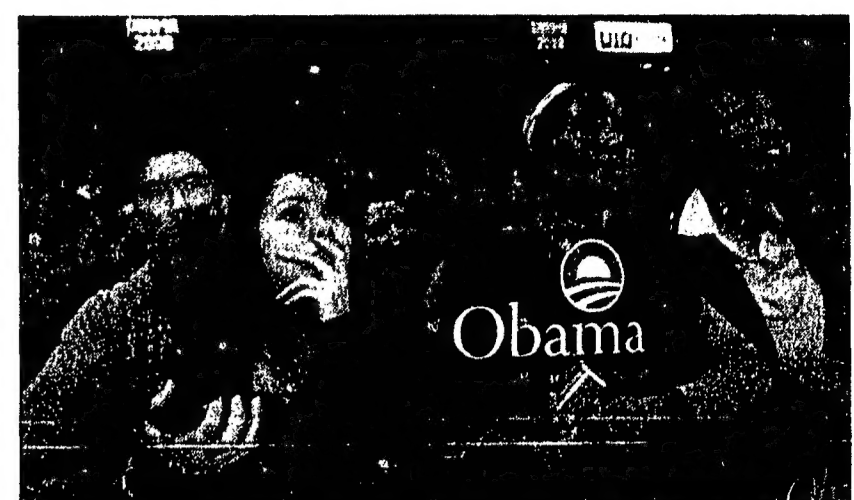
A homemaker, Edna was a graduate of Hopkins High School, and a member of Hopkins First Baptist Church both of Hopkins.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband, two sons Earl and Albert Morehouse, a daughter, Irma Dean Cohee and her parents.

Survivors include two sons, Carl Morehouse of Hopkins, and Jacob Morehouse of Carson City, Nev., 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, at the Swanston Price Chapel in Hopkins. Visitation is Thursday evening Feb. 15, 6-8 p.m., at the Swanston-Price Chapel in Hopkins.

Burial will be in the Hopkins Cemetery.



SUPPORTERS INCLUDING Judy Liu, 23, foreground left, and Stacey Fint, 36, foreground right, listen to Sen. Barack Obama at a campaign event at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

### Obama announces run for presidency

By Steven Thomma  
McClatchy Newspapers

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Walking in Lincoln's footsteps, Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois Saturday declared his candidacy for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination with a vow to change politics and unify a divided people around common goals such as fighting terrorism and expanding health care.

"We can build a more hopeful America," Obama said in front of the former Illinois capital building. More than a thousand supporters braved 13-degree cold to cheer on Obama, a man they see as the first African-American with a very real chance of winning the White House. His father was an African-American originally from Kenya, his mother a white woman from Kansas.

Indeed, as Obama enters a growing field of candidates eager to lead the post-Bush era, he carries surprising strength for a newcomer to the national stage, but also with vulnerabilities that rivals such as Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina and Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico will seek to exploit in coming weeks and months.

Obama reminded people that he did have a record in the legislature working to reform the death penalty, expand health care coverage for children, regulating ethics.

He also outlined the broad contours of his agenda, including: Starting to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq with a goal of bringing them all home by March 2008.

Giving everyone in the country health care coverage, and reining in soaring healthcare costs, by the end of his first term.

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Dan Johnson  
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ment between Black Hills Corporation and Great Plains Energy, the shareholders approval and the approval of state and federal regulatory committees.

Great Plains Energy currently has 500,000 customers and this agreement will add about 300,000 more.

Most things within the business will remain the same until the transaction is complete.

"Each utility will run independent until the transaction is approved. The prices will remain stable as they are," Robinson said.

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## 'Hounds send 7 to state

By Scott Levine  
Asst. Sports Editor

Seven Maryville High School wrestlers stamped their tickets to Mizou Arena after a strong showing at the district meet in Cameron. The Spoofhounds advanced three freshmen, three juniors and one senior to the state tournament.

Maryville head coach Joe Drake said his team probably surprised some fans.

"We had a good weekend," Drake said. "I know a lot of people didn't expect us to do this well, but the last two weeks we just started to click."

Maryville went undefeated in dual competition in the regular season's final two weeks. Also, some wrestlers battling season-long injuries became healthier.

"All things have been working," Drake said. "Winning builds confidence and that really helped us at districts."

Senior Cliff Robertson is Maryville's only returning placewinner. Tanner Archer and Robertson are the lone 'Hounds with state tournament experience.

"When it's your first match, you just can't get overwhelmed and you just have to go do your job," Robertson said.

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-NW FOOTBALL

## Tjeerdsma inks 26

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

It's never known what kind of a player a recruit will be until their four years is in the books. That's why so much time and money is invested in evaluating an athlete through their high school career.

But Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma can say he is pleased with his 26 recruits that signed National Letters of Intent Feb. 7.

"Number-wise, we probably got more than we thought we were going to get," Tjeerdsma said.

Northwest recruit Breakdown by State:

Missouri	11
Iowa	5
Texas	3
Kansas	3
Nebraska	2
Illinois	1
Oregon	1

By Position:

Defensive Back	5
Linebacker	5
Offensive Lineman	4
Defensive Lineman	3
Wide Receiver	3
Quarterback	2
Running Back	2
Tight End	2
Punter	1

Source: Northwest Athletic Media Relations

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-NW SOFTBALL

## New frame of mind

By Scott Levine  
Asst. Sports Editor

Expectations are rising. And for the new head softball coach, Ryan Anderson, that rise is welcomed.

Northwest is ranked for only the second time in recorded school history: The NFCA rated the Bearcats No. 24, giving them their second appearance since last season's squad tied for 18th.

"It's nice to be ranked, but it means nothing if we don't perform on the field," Anderson said. "We need to continue to work hard and meet those expectations."

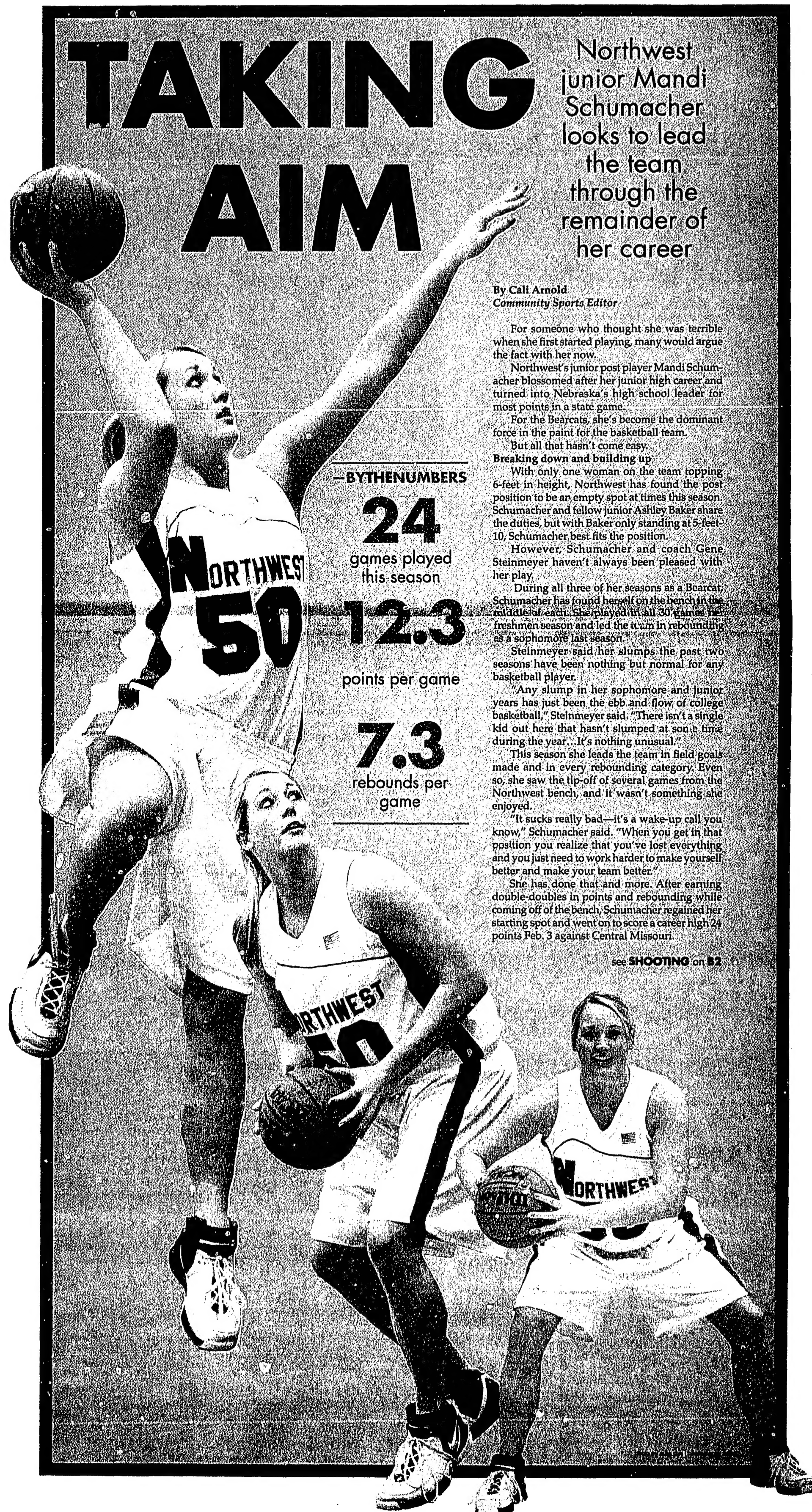
Anderson joins the 'Cats after last year's school record 40-15 record. The team finished second in the MIAA tournament and reached the NCAA playoffs for the first time since 1984.

Although preseason expectations are high, Anderson brings a record-breaking resume.

Prior to joining Northwest, Anderson helped Missouri-Rolla break over 20 team records. Anderson said it was hard leaving Missouri-Rolla, but he wanted to get back into the MIAA.

"It was tough leaving my previous school, because they have a good team," Anderson said. "But the girls have really wanted to work hard for me here, and I like the closeness of the MIAA."

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## TAKING AIM

Northwest junior Mandi Schumacher looks to lead the team through the remainder of her career

By Call Arnold  
Community Sports Editor

For someone who thought she was terrible when she first started playing, many would argue the fact with her now.

Northwest's junior post player Mandi Schumacher blossomed after her junior high career and turned into Nebraska's high school leader for most points in a state game.

For the Bearcats, she's become the dominant force in the paint for the basketball team.

But all that hasn't come easy.

Breaking down and building up

With only one woman on the team topping 6-feet in height, Northwest has found the post position to be an empty spot at times this season.

Schumacher and fellow junior Ashley Baker share the duties, but with Baker only standing at 5-feet-10, Schumacher best fits the position.

However, Schumacher and coach Gene Steinmeyer haven't always been pleased with her play.

During all three of her seasons as a Bearcat, Schumacher has found herself on the bench in the middle of each. She played in all 30 games in her freshman season and led the team in rebounding as a sophomore last season.

Steinmeyer said her slump the past two seasons have been nothing but normal for any basketball player.

"Any slump in her sophomore and junior years has just been the ebb and flow of college basketball," Steinmeyer said. "There isn't a single kid out here that hasn't slumped at one time during the year. It's nothing unusual."

This season she leads the team in field goals made and in every rebounding category. Even so, she saw the tip-off of several games from the Northwest bench, and it wasn't something she enjoyed.

"It sucks really bad—it's a wake-up call you know," Schumacher said. "When you get in that position you realize that you've lost everything and you just need to work harder to make yourself better and make your team better."

She has done that and more. After earning double-doubles in points and rebounding while coming off the bench, Schumacher regained her starting spot and went on to score a career high 24 points Feb. 3 against Central Missouri.

### BY THE NUMBERS

24  
games played  
this season

12.3  
points per game

7.3  
rebounds per game

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—NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Men hit crucial home stretch to close season

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

Hunter Henry remembers what happened last year when Northwest lost to Pittsburg State.

They went on a four-game losing streak. Last year's loss came in the first match-up while Saturday's 74-56 loss at John Lance Arena was the series finale.

"We're not a dominating team. We have to play very close to our potential to be as good as we are. If we drop off, we're just not very good," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "We've had to have our foot pretty much all the way to the floor-board and we've got to find a way to keep it there."

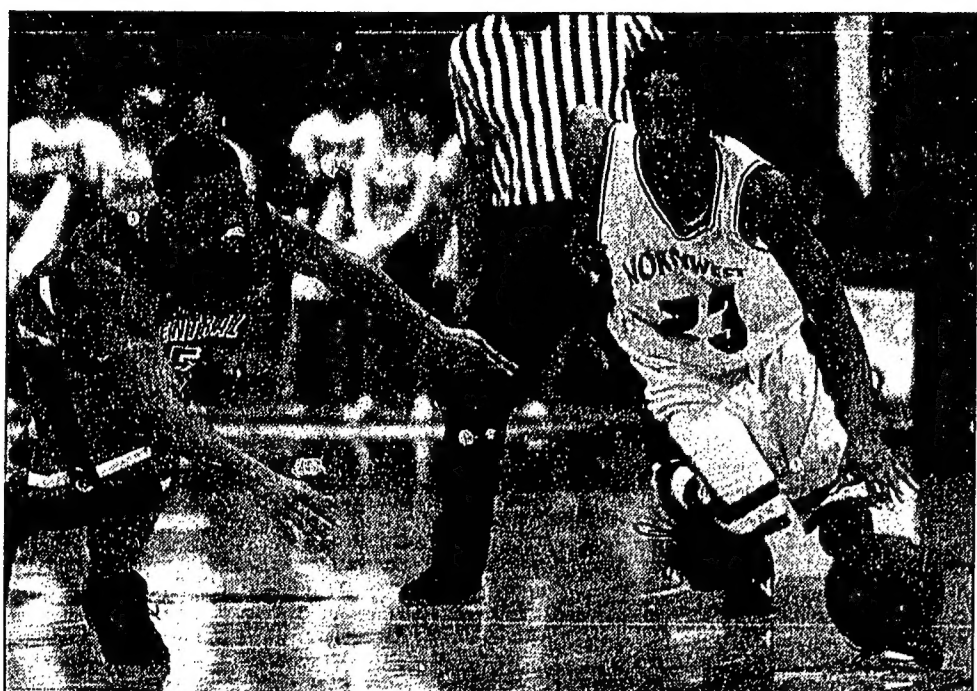
The theme during Sunday's film review and subsequent practice was to put the loss away. Saturday, Northwest was out-hustled on the boards, 45-25, shot 37 percent and reached the foul line 17 times, while Pittsburg State made 29 trips to the line.

"We got beat on the boards so bad. They beat us in every phase, got to the line a lot more. We weren't very sharp and they were really sharp," Tappmeyer said. "I think the big thing right now is when you get beat, try and respond to it right."

Tappmeyer said he didn't believe the loss to the sixth-place team in the conference was a wake-up call.

"You look at records and everybody's kind of like 'Is it a wake up call?' They're just pretty damn good," Tappmeyer said. "I don't know really how they've lost as many games as they have, but they're just pretty good."

After Wednesday, Northwest plays two of the last three games at Bearcat Arena, where they are a perfect 11-0. The lone road game, at Missouri Western, could technically be a home game with the short



**NORTHWEST GUARD** Lance Sullivan gets past a Central Missouri defender on February 3. The Bearcats beat the Mules 82-64 ending their winning streak of 19 games.

distance between the two schools.

"We've played so many close ballgames to the wire and the way we play takes a lot of effort. It's a real test on you. You have to reach down," Tappmeyer said. "Playing at home, hopefully we'll have a great crowd and get some atmosphere that gives you that little extra juice that you need."

Guard Lance Sullivan said it's important for the team to take it "one game at a time." Typically, it's the most used phrase by a coach and a player, but the meaning rings true. Entering Wednesday, No. 18 Northwest remains half a game back of No. 8 Central Missouri in the MIAA.

"We're just going to try and take it one possession, one play at a time and try and

get the wins and take care of home-court advantage and see what happens after that," Sullivan said.

Central and No. 19 Emporia State play a make-up game on Monday. The results of that series could greatly benefit Northwest with the Bearcats holding a season sweep over the Hornets and a split with the Mules.

However, Tappmeyer said that could also spell trouble for his team down the stretch.

"If I had my way, I'd put everybody in a capsule and forget about all of that stuff and just try and play every game we have," Tappmeyer said. "I think it's a real trap that you can fall into."

—NW BASEBALL

# Bearcat baseball heads to Arkansas to open 2007

By Sam Robinson  
Chief Reporter

Despite a campus submerged in snow, a sign of spring is a day away.

The Northwest baseball team will begin their season tomorrow and looks to re-capture the momentum that they finished with last season.

After dwelling near the conference's cellar during the first half of the year, the 'Cats caught fire and went 14-2 to close the season, narrowly missing the MIAA Tournament.

"It was like two different teams last year," senior shortstop John White said. "We work a lot harder, we're preparing ourselves better and it all comes from last year, knowing we were a better team but didn't come out like we should have. We might've had a little bit more talent last year but we have a better, more close-knit team now."

Finishing 26-23 on the strength of their extra-base hitting last season, the pitching staff is ready to take charge and rebound from a sub-par year.

The team returns two second-team All-MIAA pitchers in senior starter Brian Lamers and conference saves leader Brett Whittle. To

help the pitching rotation improve on last season's 6.08 team ERA, coach Darin Loe has four transfers primed to take the mound. Danny Malone, Joel Epley Brett Harvel, Bill Disselhoff and Lamers will make up the starting rotation.

Loe said the transfers have made the rotation the most improved component of the team.

"The biggest thing when you look at this team is we've made a lot of improvements in our pitching staff," Loe said. "We got some community college transfers, some Division I transfers and have four guys that could all be our number one starter."

As the pitching staff is progressing, the lineup features the combination of a proven veteran infielder and an entirely new and untested outfield.

The 'Cats lost all of their outfield to graduation and with it, their top three batting averages but have several experienced bats waiting to lead.

The infield features White, a second team all-conference member who returns for his fourth year as the starting shortstop, while senior captain Ryley Westman is back for his final season behind the plate. Junior

Britt Westman, who blasted nine home runs a season ago, starts at first base. Speedy Jake Bradshaw leads a young crop of outfielders as he will leadoff and play center for the 'Cats.

"We're going to play center with a lot more speed than we did last year," Loe said. "We lost some power guys in the outfield but we don't necessarily need the home run because we've got guys who can put up 20 doubles in a year."

Northwest opens up with a four-game weekend set against Arkansas Tech at 4 p.m. Friday. They will play two 7-inning games on Saturday and close out Sunday at 1 p.m. in Russellville, Ark.

Ryley Westman believes the team is in better position for the opening weekends as opposed to last year, but said his team needs to be ready to make quick adjustments in case they suffer a bit of déjà vu and stumble early.

"I do hope that we will start out a lot better this season just because I think we're prepared and have done everything in our power to be ready to take the field," Westman said. "But if things don't come out right and we do hit a down note we've got to figure a way to turn it around quicker."

—NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



**NORTHWEST GUARD** Katie O'Grady's face says it all as she does her best to gain possession of the ball against Central Missouri guard Meagan Fromm. The Bearcats beat the Mules 81-66.

# Women look to repeat against Southern

By Cali Arnold  
Community Sports Editor

As the regular season winds down for the Northwest women's basketball team, the importance of a win becomes clearer.

With only two games remaining after Saturday's game against Missouri Southern, a victory over the Lions is crucial for the Bearcats.

"In a way, it's a little bit like a game show. We've made the (MIAA) tournament, now we have to make it to regionals," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "To make the region we have to beat Southern, we have to beat (Fort) Hays, we have to win the first round of the conference tournament and then that gives us a chance."

Northwest, sitting at 8-6 in the conference before Wednesday's game against Washburn (game information not available at press time), is one of four MIAA teams to clinch a spot in the MIAA conference tournament

March 2-4. Southern, 5-9 in the conference before Wednesday's game against Central Missouri, was still competing for a spot in the tournament.

After defeating Southern in Joplin 66-61 in January, junior guard Kelli Nelson said the 'Cats are a better team this time around.

"Our defense has gotten a lot better communication-wise," Nelson said. "I think everyone, just as a whole, has gotten better."

Steinmeyer agreed the first Southern game was the "break-out game" for Northwest's defense. The 'Cats forced 30 turnovers from the Lions and, Steinmeyer said, surprised the opponent by how effective they could be. He knows, however, they will be ready for the 'Cats this time around.

"They've had time to adjust, so we'll see if we can adjust to their adjustments," Steinmeyer said.

The women will tip off at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, at Bearcat Arena. The men's game against the Lions directly follows.

# SHOOTING: Forward rising after slump

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With the help of Steinmeyer and assistant coach Lori Hopkins, Schumacher has tried to do the little things to get herself back in the game. Such things as bringing the post closer to the basket and not fading away have been a main point of concentration.

"My strength is my strength and I wasn't taking that to my advantage," Schumacher said. "I was letting people push me out way too far. That's one huge thing that's really made a big difference, even though it sounds like some small thing."

Baker, who received more playing time as the starting post while Schumacher sat out, said playing over her was a little bit of pressure.

"Taking her place, you know, it made me have to play better because she's sitting there on the bench," Baker said. "Just knowing that I'm out there playing and I have to play harder and pick it up."

Like family

The closeness of the team has helped

Schumacher through many rough times. While that is both good and bad, she knows how she reacts to things affects the team as a whole.

"When I'm down, sometimes I can really bring the team down, and that's something I've had to realize this year," Schumacher said. "But also when I'm up, it can really bring people up, too. It's not just me, there are a lot of us that are like that, but off the court our team is so close, it is the closest team I have ever been on."

On the court the team is the same way. However, that means the team has a habit of sharing the same emotion, whether it be good or bad.

The burden rests squarely on the heavyweight division. Boxing is always ruled by its largest division. As big men go, boxing goes. From 1964 to about the mid-1990s, boxing was flourishing through the likes of iconic heavyweight champions like Muhammad Ali, George Foreman and Mike Tyson. Newspapers ate these guys up and front pages were covered with them. Title fights earned top billing in all media outlets. Now you'd be hard-pressed to find a fight summary inside B5 or within 20 minutes of SportsCenter's opening theme.

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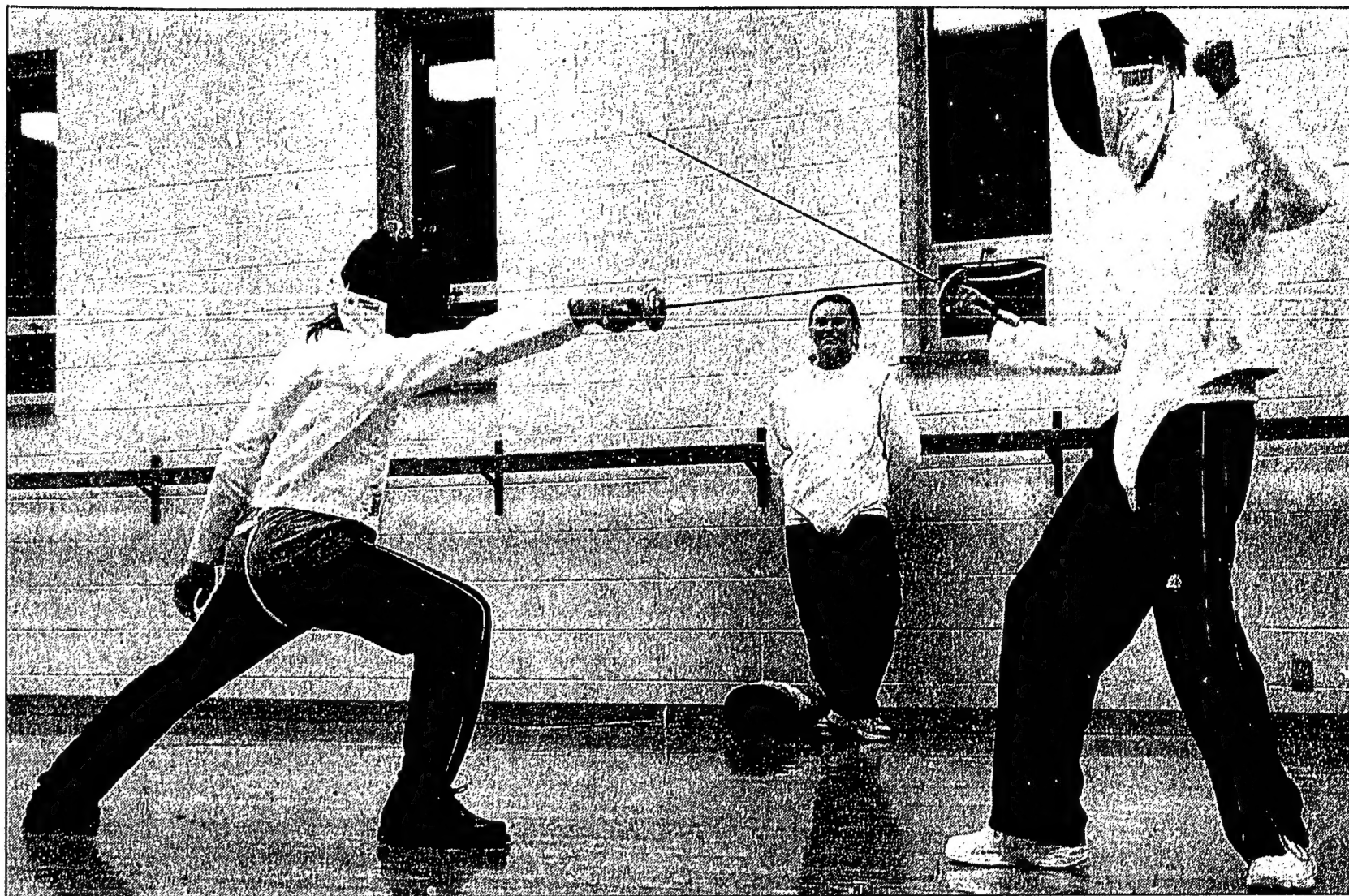
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—NW FENCING



**TWO INDIVIDUALS** participate in Northwest's Fencing Club during a practice held in the Martindale dance studio. The club was founded about a year and a half ago by Zheng Dong to introduce diversity in sports to college students at Northwest.

# Fencing gains popularity

By David Lamble  
Missourian Reporter

The grace and elegance of a sword fighter is something that must seem to believe. This is why the sport of fencing, not football or soccer, is so attractive to a large group of students at Northwest.

Fencing is a sport that is a couple of centuries old, but it has only been at Northwest for a little less than two years.

Senior Zheng Dong, fencing club founder, was born in Beijing and picked up the sport of fencing while he lived in Canada. He has

attended Northwest since 2001, and decided to start the club about a year and a half ago.

"I hope to introduce them (the students) to the sport of fencing and hope to show them ... what to look for when they join a club after college," Dong said.

During that time, many people at the University have seen what the sport of fencing has to offer. Freshman Neasha Boyd said that she has also learned the culture and diversity that accompanies the sport, in general.

"The best thing is the diversity of the sport," Boyd said. "It's not

like regular sports."

Boyd Taylor, freshman and acting president of the club, also said how the culture of fencing was one of the best things about being in the club and how it's rarity only adds to the diversity found in the sport.

Taylor also said that the Northwest Fencing Club does not only offer a culturally different sport than those found around campus, but also a unique form of athletic activity.

"We are a sport based on grace and technique," Taylor said. "It is intelligent, as well as emotional and

psychological."

Whether it is the diversity of the club or the enjoyment of learning a new sword fighting technique that attracts students to the club, they all said that they would like to see new members. Dong said that they always have room for more support.

"We're taking everybody," Taylor said.

Anyone interested in joining the Fencing Club can come between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at 301 Martindale Hall. You can also e-mail at fencing@nwmissouri.edu.

—COLUMN

# Fixing the sweet science

By Sam Robinson  
Chief Reporter

If boxing fans from 20 years ago were to time travel to today, they would be trapped in a state of confusion and despair, constantly asking what became of their sport.

With some luck they could they could google-search and find a random message board but that would be about it. Boxing has completely fallen off the map.

While it was on the same plane as football or basketball in the '70s and '80s, it now lies in the rear view mirror of novelty events like the insanely exhilarating World Series of Poker.

You can blame the fact that high profile fights are not on regular TV or that the sport is devoid of a charismatic superstar. Nice reasoning but not nice enough. Why ESPN Classic has not done a series on this is beyond me. Perhaps it's because they are too busy airing bowling or world's strongest man marathons. Nevertheless, I will take on that role and explain the rapid public demise of the sport once known as the sweet science.

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—NW TRACK

# 'Cats head to Nebraska for final tune-up

By Jared Verner  
Missourian Reporter

Northwest women's track and field coach Scott Lorek predicted that last Thursday's meet at Central Missouri would be a breakthrough meet.

"We had probably our best meet of the whole year," Lorek said. "We had a lot of improvements from a lot of people."

The Bearcat women placed all five hurdlers into the finals. Sophomore Hannah Henry led the quintet by lowering her school record in the event by six-tenths of a second to 9.16.

Freshman Lindsay Biermann and sophomore Emily Churchman made the top-eight in the triple jump, each jumping over 36 feet.

"We are continuing to be real competitive," Lorek said. "We're fighting for the end in everything."

The men's team also found success in Warrensburg, Mo., winning two events and placing four in the top-three of events last Friday.

A pair of seniors took individual titles. Eric Isley won the 800-meter run in 1:54.97 for the third top-three finish in the event this season. Bayo Adio won the high jump for the second time this season with 6-7 1/2.

"I think we are improving a little bit every week," said men's head coach Richard Alsop. "We still have an unanswered in the middle of our 600 (yard) and 400 (meter)."

We haven't had anyone set up in the way I thought two or three of them would."

Both teams head to Lincoln,

Neb., on Friday for the Prairie Wolf Invitational in the final meet before the MIAA Championships next weekend. Northwest will be heading back to Warrensburg, Mo., again next week for a chance at the conference title.

Six of the eight MIAA track schools were at the UCM Mule Relays, with Fort Hays and Missouri Southern at other meets. The increased exposure to conference competition gives a measuring bar to where the 'Cats need to be next weekend.

"The conference is just really good," Lorek said. "We have a lot of depth. Having someone place in the top-three is going to be a real challenge for us and will be a tough one in scoring points for us. We have a lot of presence in a lot of events."

Alsop expects it to be a challenge for a number of teams to win the conference title.

"I think it's going to be really tight and really even," Alsop said. "The teams that go in that are ready mentally and physically stand a pretty good chance of doing well. There are four teams that are just real close together."

The men's team will be running without the speed of E.J. Falkner, who is redshirting the indoor season in order to even his indoor and outdoor eligibility. Falkner holds the school record in the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes after earning All-America honors in the event last season.

"It hurts a little bit to have E.J. on the sideline because he's 16-20 points for us. I think we'll be fine. I think it's going to be a battle."

# MIND: Softball opens season in Jefferson City

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Joining the MIAA means squaring off against last year's national runner-up Emporia State. The Hornets are the only other MIAA nationally ranked team at No. 3 and already holds a tournament championship victory at the Texas Invitational.

But Anderson said his team is prepared for conference opponents.

"What's good about the conference is that it is competitive across the board," Anderson said. "Anybody can beat anybody."

Northwest returns six All-MIAA selections. First team member Lindsay Stephenson said this year's team is different, but should be able to compete.

"We were a good bonding team last year," Stephenson said. "We're younger but we should be able to hold our own."

In addition to Stephenson, Cola Krueger, Sarah Johnson, Janelle Krohn, Kelly Morris and Linellis Santiago-Bernier also attained All-MIAA

recognition.

Krueger, Kelly Morris and Chelsea Terhune will handle the pitching responsibilities.

Anderson said Krueger and Morris should do most of the pitching, while Terhune will be a positional pitcher.

After recording various pitching accolades during the season, including Northwest's first no-hitter since 2000, Krueger was named last year's MIAA freshman of the year.

She was twice named MIAA pitcher of the week and tied a Northwest record with eight shutouts.

Morris ranked first on the Bearcats with a 1.82 ERA and posted an 11-6 record in her sophomore campaign.

"We have to have pitchers step up this year," Anderson said. "They have had good leadership and we want them to continue to improve."

Santiago-Bernier, Tristin Brown, Stephenson and Johnson are the only seniors on a team featuring five underclassmen.

Brown is coming off a season marred by injuries, but Anderson expects her to come back strong this year.

Santiago-Bernier, Krohn and Johnson return with defensive and offensive experience. Johnson knocked in 31 RBIs last year, while Krohn smacked eight homers. Santiago-Bernier added a .325 batting average.

Stephenson said the returners have helped the four freshmen. Two will probably see playing time Anderson said, but all four may see action.

"The upperclassmen have really been good leaders in showing the younger players what it's like to play in this league," Anderson said. "There is a little bit of an adjustment from playing 30 games in high school and then taking months off, and playing all year long."

The 'Cats quest to attain their high expectations starts at noon, Sunday, against Lincoln in Jefferson City.

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## —LIST OF RECRUITS

**JOE BEDARD**  
(Cedar Rapids, Iowa)  
Linebacker, 6-2, 200 lb.  
High School: Xavier  
Head Coach: Duane Schulte  
Notes: Helped lead team to a Class 4A state title and a 13-0 record his final season... First team all-state at linebacker and punter... 2006 Iowa Sports Connection First Team Class 4A Defense... Iowa Newspapers Association Class 4A All-Star Linebacker... Des Moines Register First Team Class 4A punter... As the designated hitter on the baseball team, part of a 3A state championship program in 2006 and 2005 runner-up.

**BLAKE CHRISTOPHER**  
(Kearney, Mo.)  
Quarterback, 6-2, 190 lb.  
High School: Kearney  
Head Coach: Greg Jones  
Notes: Member of Class 4 state championship team... 2006 KMWU and KKWU Dream Teams... 2006 Class 4 Missouri Football Coaches Association All-State Second Team... 2005 Suburban Small 6 All-Conference Second Team... 2005 honorable mention all-state.

**THOMAS DEVEREUX**  
(Eugene, Ore.)  
Linebacker, 6-0, 215 lb.  
High School: Marist Catholic  
Head Coach: Rory Rosenbach  
Notes: 2006 conference co-defensive player of the year... 2006 honorable mention all-state linebacker... Led team in tackles for three seasons... Member of state champions in 2005.

**JOHN DOOLEY**  
(Omaha, Neb.)  
Linebacker, 6-1, 215 lb.  
High School: Skutt Catholic  
Head Coach: Matt Turman  
Notes: 2006 AP All-State in Class B... All-River City Conference First Team as a senior... 2006 All-Omaha Area Defense... Team captain... All-district first team... Part of a state title winner in 2005.

**BEN EHRET**  
(Stillwell, Kan.)  
Offensive Lineman, 6-3, 295 lb.  
High School: Blue Valley  
Head Coach: Steve Ramey  
Notes: Helped team to an undefeated season (13-0) and a 2006 state championship... 2005 state runner-up... Announced to the all-metro team by the KC Star, Metro Sports and 810 Sports... Topeka Capital Journal and Wichita Eagle First Team All-SA... All-Johnson County First Team... All-Eastern Kansas League First Team pick... Integral part of team to break school record for scoring and fewest points allowed.

**CAMERON EPPLE**  
(Grandbury, Texas)  
Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 275 lb.  
High School: Grandbury  
Head Coach: Mark Wright  
Notes: 2006 5A All-District Second Team Linebacker... Team leader in tackles as a senior... Pre-season all-state linebacker... 2004 and 2005 5A All-District First Team tight end... High school coach is the cousin of current Bearcat assistant Rich Wright.

**DAVID GRAY**

(Tremont, Ill.)  
Punter, 6-1, 190 lb.  
High School: Tremont  
Head Coach: Lou Wicks  
Notes: Participated in 2007 U.S. Army Combine where he averaged 44.7 yards per punt... 2006 All-Heart of Illinois Conference First Team... Pre-season PrepStar Magazine All-Conference Honorable Mention... Booted school record 70-yarder... Helped program make the Class 1A playoffs.

**TYLER HERL**  
(Topeka, Kan.)  
Quarterback, 6-2, 210 lb.  
High School: Shawnee Heights  
Head Coach: Jason Swift  
Notes: 2006 Class 5A Topeka Capital Journal Honorable Mention... 2006 IFCFA Class 5A Offense... Wichita Eagle Class 5A Honorable Mention Offense... Helped team to a Class 5A runner-up finish in baseball as a junior... 2005 all-city pick as an outfielder... Selected to the Honor Roll.

**DERRICK HIGHTOWER**  
(Bellaire, Mo.)  
Free Safety, 6-0, 180 lb.  
High School: Bellaire  
Head Coach: Jeff Courley  
Notes: 2006 All-Suburban Mid-6 Second Team running back... Missouri Football Coaches Association Class 5 First Team Defense... All-conference defensive back twice... All-state first team kick/punt returner... Team captain... Member of 2005 district championship team.

**ANDREW HOBBS**  
(Mesquite, Texas)  
Cornerback, 5-11, 160 lb.  
High School: Skutt Catholic  
Head Coach: Mike Overton  
Notes: 2006 AP All-State in Class B... All-River City Conference First Team as a senior... 2006 All-Omaha Area Defense... Team captain... All-district first team... Part of a state title winner in 2005.

**CODY JOHNSON**  
(Jasper, Mo.)  
Offensive Lineman, 6-3, 270 lb.  
High School: Webb City  
Head Coach: John Rodrigue  
Notes: 2006 Missouri Football Coaches Association First Team All-State on defensive line... All-area, all-district and all-conference as a senior... 2005 All-Southwest Conference First Team offensive lineman and Second Team defensive lineman... Missouri Sports Writers and Sportscasters Class 4 Second Team Offense... His team lost only two games in his three years of varsity play... 2004 state runner-up and 2003 semifinalist.

**KYLE KILGORE**  
(Orick, Mo.)  
Tight End, 6-5, 210 lb.  
High School: Excelsior Springs  
Head Coach: Sam Brown  
Notes: 2006 5A All-District Second Team Linebacker... Team leader in tackles as a senior... Pre-season all-state linebacker... 2004 and 2005 5A All-District First Team tight end... High school coach is the cousin of current Bearcat assistant Rich Wright.

**BEN LANGSTON**  
(Overland Park, Kan.)  
Strong Safety, 6-0, 185 lb.

**BOBBY PAULK**  
(Plano, Texas)  
Linebacker, 6-4, 200 lb.  
High School: Prestonwood Christian  
Head Coach: Mike Hall  
Notes: 2006 All-District Class 2A First Team defensive back... All-

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## TJEERDSMA: 26 new recruits to add depth for '07 season

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"Our response was great this year." Of the 26, half come from the defensive side of the football. There were five signings each at the linebacker position and in the secondary.

"It's a definitely a very good group and if we evaluated this, I think we did outstanding. I'll tell you that much," defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick said. "We won a lot of battles on all these kids."

Offensively, Northwest added two quarterbacks, three wide receivers, two running backs and two tight ends.

"We had a balanced class this year," Tjeerdsma said. "All in all, I thought it was a good class."

The one position that Tjeerdsma was most pleased with securing was a punter. David Gray, a 6-foot 1-inch freshman from Tremont, Ill., averaged 44.7 yards per punt at the U.S. Army Combine. Last season, Jake Bradshaw handled the punting duties, averaging 31.7 yards, which ranked near the bottom of the MIAA.

"We needed to address the punting situation. Hopefully he (Gray) can step in and do the job next year, but we'll have to wait and see," Tjeerdsma said. "I thought I had that two years ago

and it didn't work out."

Among the other players that Tjeerdsma could see contributions from is Kyle Nixdorf. Nixdorf is a 6-foot 1-inch, 230-pound fullback from Odessa, Mo.

"From a physical standpoint, he's ready," Tjeerdsma said. "We think he can make that mental adjustment to handle everything we throw at him."

Tjeerdsma also mentioned the speed the coaching staff liked in signing Tommy Warren, a 5-foot 11-inch cornerback/wide receiver from Omaha, Neb., and Andrew Hobbs, a cornerback by the same height from Mesquite, Texas. Tjeerdsma said he sees Warren as a wide receiver.

For the second year in a row, a national title appeared delayed the recruiting season for Northwest.

"We were behind big time. When we got done, we weren't able really to go to any schools," Bostwick said. "The interest was really high with all the national exposure."

With two appearances on ESPN in the last two years, the exposure allowed the coaching staff to catch up.

"We started out behind in recruiting but we caught up in a hurry," Tjeerdsma said.

reached the state tournament. Dannen, a freshman, faces senior Kris Luzano (27-5).

Luzano is ranked sixth as No. 1 ranked wrestler, Kemper Kollerstrass, sits on the bracket's opposite side.

Kollerstrass and Connor Hovis are the only two wrestlers ranked ahead of Dannen. If Hovis and Dannen advance, then they would meet in the semifinals.

Freshmen Derek DuMott and Jacob Zech were the final 'Hounds to make it through district competition. DuMott, now 21-17, squares off against No. 4 rated Andrew Schaff.

"I'm hoping to just wrestle hard," DuMott said. "It's going to be hard to wrestle against some of these experienced wrestlers. But this is going to help with my experience."

Zech (16-12) faces Drew Bartel (16-14) in the first round. If Zech advances, No. 4 ranked Brandon Baumhoer, would likely be his second round opponent.

Despite the strong performance by his team, Drake said there were a couple of disappointments.

"We had two freshmen one match away from making it," Drake said. "(Evan) Johnson and (Jason) Davis have been consistent winners for us all year and they came really close."

"It was just some tough luck that they got eliminated."

Maryville's seven qualifiers begin action at 10 a.m., Thursday, at Mizzou Arena in Columbia. Wrestling resumes at 9 a.m., Friday, and then later at 6:30 p.m.

Placing matches start at 10 a.m., Saturday, while the finals begin at 4:30 p.m.

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## —HOROSCOPES

### Today's Birthday

Your assignment this year is to finish the projects and gather up money that's owed you. This may not sound like much fun at first, but it can be quite rewarding.

To get the advantage, check the day's ratings: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 — Talk to your team about what they've done well, and what they could have done better. They look to you for encouragement and approval, as well as direction.

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## —STROLLER

## Your Man avoids influenza

Your Man has, miraculously, been surviving the flu season.

Classmates and roommates alike have been dropping like flies from winter's favorite virus. Heck, even my Papermates haven't been writing like they should.

But not me, friends. Oh no, not Your Man. I am cruising through these frigid months like the Titanic across the Atlantic, unconcerned with what might lie ahead, but minus Celine Dion.

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The stroller

Quest to find the Pikachu that's sleeping with Zelda, or whatever they play nowadays.





CINDY WHITE, mother of Brandon Kaut, mourns the loss of her son while her husband, G.C. White, puts the flowers on the orange mesh fence that surrounds the ruins of the Carson Apartments complex.

photos by Mike Dye / photography editor

## WANTING TO REMEMBER Trying to forget

Family, friends mourn loss of beloved artist, photographer

By Andrea James  
Chief Reporter

Cindy White still thinks of her son as a baby, a 3-year-old pretending to be a certain futuristic police officer.

"He was a WoboCop. Not a RoboCop, but a WoboCop," White said with a smile.

Brandon Kaut would dress up in shorts, snow boots, a bucket on his head and a stick in the back of his shorts that was his gun.

"I remember the smile he used to have and the things he used to do," said White, Saturday, while

middle of the night, Cindy said. G.C. and Cindy bought Kaut's first guitar at a pawn shop. He would listen to the music then play the guitar.

"He would play in the middle of the night. It was something that he had to do," G.C. said.

Artwork was the first thing that attracted Northwest student Lindsay Edwards to Kaut. He was very outgoing, she said.

"You can't really put words to how awesome he was. I don't even think the word really describes him. I've never met anyone else like him," Edwards said.

Kaut and his friends would drink, take pictures and talk to each other.

"Taking pictures was his way of communicating," Edwards said.

Childhood friend, Chris Jeffery, 22, said Kaut was always an artist. Jeffery met Kaut when he was 8 or 9-years-old.

"He taught himself how to do everything," Jeffery said. "He was the smartest kid I ever met and he never had to study."

The young boys would spend every moment together.

"Brandon was quiet back then. He was always over at our house and would stay weeks at a time," Jeffery said.

"We would sit on the roof for hours talking. He was like a brother to me and everyone in the family."

Jeffery's family even influenced

Kaut, he said.

"Brandon liked my dad. My dad would do this seizure dance. Brandon once did it at a school dance and it stuck with him," Jeffery said.

Cindy said Kaut cared deeply for his both of his brothers. Triston White, 8, and Kaut were best friends.

Over Christmas, Triston needed help painting a turtle so Brandon helped him, Cindy said.

Triston also gave Kaut a stuffed animal that he treasured and cared for it because it was from his little brother, Cindy said.

"Triston once asked, 'You still have it?' and Brandon replied, 'You gave it to me and it's mine,'" Cindy said.

Kendall White, 15, also describes his older brother as someone who was caring.

"I remember when we got bored and walked to the bridge. It was about a mile away and it started raining. Brandon gave me his jacket; he always took care of me," Kendall said.

Kaut also taught Kendall how to skateboard and how to jump off the roof onto the trampoline.

"He taught me to be who I want and live my dreams," Kendall said. "I wanted to be just like him."

Tenants begin to rebuild lives after losing everything

By Evan Young  
Copy Editor

Blurred. Overwhelmed. One emotion led to the other as she watched 21 years worth of possessions go up in flames.

With little more than the clothes on her back, her keys and cell phone, Kristin Heard fled Carson Apartments with fellow residents as an early morning grease fire ripped through the complex Jan. 27.

And while the North Central Missouri College student could not give a monetary value of her losses, she said the sentimental value of her belongings that burned with the building is undeniable.

"Everything that I owned ever in my life was in that apartment," Kristin said.

There was the "baby blanket," made for her while she was still in the hospital, and all her pictures, "memories you can't recreate," she said.

The fire came only two months after Kristin moved into her apartment. She was playing Trivial Pursuit with friends when it all began. Dialing 911, she soon knew the severity of the situation when Northwest senior Nick Christensen, after attempting to quell the flames across the hall, came into her apartment and said, "It's done. We gotta go."

After helping her friends alert other Carson residents, Kristin headed out into the frigid night and eventually took refuge at the nearby First United Methodist Church of Maryville.

Starting there, she said, things began to sink in. Heard had put off getting any type of insurance and faced the task of starting from scratch.

"I sat there like a vegetable for three or four hours. There wasn't anybody around anymore to keep my mind off of it. So I just kinda moped around," Heard said.

But help soon arrived to give her a head start. "People started bringing things over and just laying them there. I really didn't start over, people started over for me," Heard said.

She recognized the "more than generous" efforts of the American Red Cross Midland Empire chapter, her landlord, the First United Methodist Church, her friends and family.

The day after the fire, Heard got calls from three different apartment complexes, offering her a place to live. She currently resides alone in a Hester Street duplex.

Heard said she tries to keep her sights set on the future and avoid the "What if" questions as much as possible.

"You can't think about it forever, you just kinda have to move on," she said. "In my opinion, we did what we could. We can't change it, so why think

about it from that perspective?"

Fourteen out of Carson's 15 apartment units were occupied the night of the fire. Northwest ARAMARK employee Tess Smail woke up to her smoke detector and opened her door to find a hallway filled with thick, black smoke. She grabbed her keys, shoes and two coats.

Upon evacuating the building, she headed to her parents' home a few blocks away, where her father told her the flames had broken through the Carson roof.

"At that time all you can think about is 'Oh my God, I'm standing here watching my apartment



THE FAMILY of Brandon Kaut mourns his death at the site of the fire. Carson Apartments tenants now seek to start over.



CHRIS KING, Kaut's friend since Fall 2003, performed at The Palms last Thursday night during the Palms Memorial Service for Brandon Kaut.

sharing memories with friends and family at The Palms. They decided to gather together and eat dinner at one of Kaut's favorite places to go.

Kaut was one of the men who died on Saturday, Jan. 27, in the Carson Apartments fire. Friends and family gathered in Maryville two weeks later to remember their lost friend, brother and son.

Kaut's love of family, art and his creations were the main subjects those close to him remembered.

Cindy and G.C. White, Kaut's parents, believe he could have been successful at selling his art.

"It was his dream and he was trying to do it. If he had another year he would have accomplished his goal," G.C. said.

Kaut was working at Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing to save money to start his own business. He had set up the second bedroom in his apartment as a studio.

"He was a great kid. A lot of people didn't understand what he was about. You would have to know him personally to know what he wanted to get out through his music and art," Cindy said.

go up in flames. I watched my windows go up in flames, and realized how fast that happened because we weren't out there that long," Smail said.

Fortunately, Smail had rental insurance, and was able to begin replacing her belongings within a few days after the blaze.

In addition, Smail's coworkers took up a collection for her, but she said the loss of life has taken precedence over her own material losses.

"When you talk to people and they go 'Well what all did you lose,' you're like 'I lost everything.' But I've got rental insurance and I've got my family here in town," Smail said.

Because of this, Smail said she gave the money from the collection to fellow Carson resident and Northwest wide receiver Abe Qaoud, who is still recovering from burns and serious injuries sustained in the fire.

Now Smail is moving into a basement apartment in the complex next to the Carson site. She said her paintings were her most cherished, but somewhat replaceable losses.

"You have a God-given talent and take so much pride in that," Smail said. "But then you keep thinking back to everything that happened...I can paint another picture and I can get more furniture in time. Until you go through something like this you don't realize how meaningless those things really are."



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**Chinese  
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